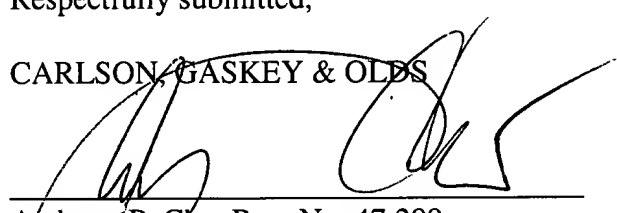


REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-15, 17-21, 29-34 and 39 stand allowed. Claim 47 was the only remaining pending claim. Applicant has cancelled this claim in this action. Accordingly, all remaining claims stand in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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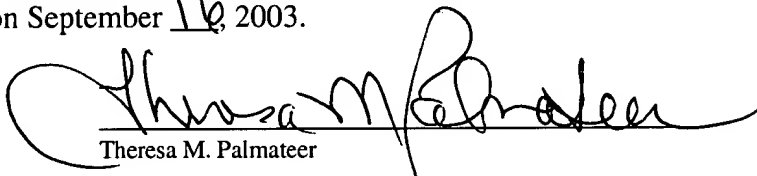


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